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**V**pon the 14. day of Iune, that Chri-  
stianemie, and Common violator  
of peace Hassam Bassa of Bosna, with  
the rest of his Lordes and souldiers,  
to the number of thyrtye eight thou-  
sand and two hundred, surprised the  
castle and towre of Trentschina, some-  
times belonging to the Bishopricke of Agram.

From thence, vppon the 15. following, he marched  
before Sysssek, and played vpon it with his artillerie,  
vntill the eighteenth day, with such force, that he over-  
threw euen to the ground, the towre thereof, and two  
peeces of ordinance, together with the master gunners  
which were appointed, for among such field peeces as  
he there vsed, he had three in chief, which shot bollets  
of fortie, four and fortie, & five and fortie pound weight.

Vpon this the borderers of the Empire, drawen  
thereunto partly by necessitie, and partly through de-  
sire to relieue Sysssek aforesaid, assembled their forces  
together ouer against Agram as namely Rupertus Ba-  
ron of Eckhenberg generall of the field: Andrea Awer-  
spurg chief commander in Croatia: Erdody Baan Lord  
of Carlsstat in Windismarke, the Lord of Graßwein, Co-  
ronell of the horsemen of Styria and Carniola, and Mel-



## The siege of Syſſek.

hior of Roderne Chieftaine of the Ritters of Syleſia, to the number of five hundred the Kopprainitzers alſo, and the Eſtates of Windiſmarke were preſent likewise: who leaving two hundred footemen for the defence of Agram, and two hundred were for the Sconce (made upon the bridge), marched forward in the name of God: & about midnight (being the eighteenth of June,) came before Syſſek, to the number of foure thousand five hundred men.

Upon the nineteenth following, the Turks assaulted it: but effectuated nothing, onely they lost some three ſcore Turkes: at which instant, our men behaved themselves manfully.

Upon the 20. Day Baſſa ſent out three hundred men, to ſee if they could intercept any perſon, by whom they might be enſorined of the ſtate of our Campe: againſt whom the Baron of Eckenberg made out ſome foure hundred horſes, who preſently put the Turkes to flight, of whom, they ſlew ſome, ſome other were taken priſoners, and brought home about ſome forty horſe.

Upon the 21. Day, there iſſued out againe on the other ſide of the water, ſome foure hundred of the enemy, likewise to learne and harken of our proceedings, who were in like manner beaten backe, and forced to retire to their Campe.

Who becauſe they could not paſſe the water, with convenient ſpeede, loſt many of their companie, viz: two ſhippefulls in the water, which were drowned, at which time our men tooke two enſignes, and one Agga, or Coronell, (who had the leading of ſeven enſignes).

Upon the two and twentieth of June, our men marched.

### The siege of Sysssek.

thed neere Sysssek & entred the Islande, against whom, th'enemy presently made head: whose great power and force, when our men had perfectly viewed and examined, some were of opinion to make a retraicte, esteeming it, no point of wisdom to put themselves into such an apparant and manifest daunger. But the Baron of Eckenberg, with certaine other of the Lordes and Chiefe Commaunders, were of a contrary aduise, and thought it more conuenient (in Gods name) to try the fortune of the Battaille, especially, because the necessitie vrged, & they of Sysssek were not able one howre longer to endure the siege. Besides, it was to be feared, lest th'enemy, in making their retraicte, would undoubtedly let vpon them. Which aduise allowed and approued of the rest, they put themselves in order of battaille. The enemy did the like. And as Hassam Bassa of Bosna made head against our men, with some ten thousand horse and more, and was now entred the Island and brought all his Riitters before Sysssek, he caused his Turkish footemen to be placed vpon th'other side of the Riuer (where a bridge was made of shippes) and the greater part of the Armie kept it selfe close in a Troupe.

The fight began about eleue or twelue of the clock: And the L. Baan with his Hungarians, and the people of Windismarke gaue the first assault: who through the force and multitude of th'enemy, and namely of the Ianizaries, who were placed next the riuer, issued out vpon them so forcibly, that they were fayne to retire, who neuerthelesse were rescued and relieved by the Lord Graffen of Monte Kukulc, and the harquebussers of Carniola.



Upon th' other side the Koppreunitzers, they of Carlsstat, the Stirians, and Carniolans, to the number of three hundred horse, brake vpon th' enemy: emongst whom was the L. Generall of Eckenberg, with the Lordes of Roderne and Silesian Ruitters, and the Cheefe Commanders of the horse, who likewise made their fight.

Now as soone as the Turkes espied them, and found them by their manner of riding, to be of Carlsstat, High Almaines, and of the Confines (for they were at the first perswaded, that they had beene, as in times past, but Bourges and Belants) they tooke their flight towards the Bridge, right ouer against their Leaguer on the other side of the Riuer of Kulpa: amongst whom our people brake in with a great fury. As soone as the Hassam Bassa espied this he ran in all hast to the Bridge made vpon the Riuer Kulpa, hoping ther: to make his people (who wer: now in flight) presently to retourne to the fight, but all in vaine: for there wer: about two Ensignes, or five hundred Turkes, which had already past the Bridge, vnto the footemen there, and the rest endeuoured to follow with all their might and maine: who were intercepted by them of Carlsstat and th: Koppreunitzers, & forced them to leaue the Bridge. And the Turkes, which were on the other shoare, labored in the meane while to breake down the Bridge, whome our people with their shott forced to retire.

When the Turkes perceiued, that the Bridge was taken from them, they tooke the water, which at that tyme was great, and ranne so still, as if it had bene a standing lake. In which many a stately, worthy and renowned Turke and horse, lost his lyfe; for they no sooner entred it, but were presently drowned.

Of all

## The siege of Syffek

Of all these Turkes, very few: or none escaped the water, by reason of the shot which continually plaid vpon them, all that day and night.

Hassam Bassa of Bollina, him selfe with certayne other Beegen, Aggen, Spahyen, Sayen, and other renowned Turkes, were forced to take the water euen vnder Syffek, and were there drowned.

The high Almains would not take any Turke prisoner, but slewe them all: but they of Windesmarke, tooke some and brought them from thence.

The Turkes which were on thother syde of the water greatly lamented, and entreated that if their Bassa were taken prisoner, they would not touch his life, but rather honorably entertaine him, for their Emperour would assuredly ransom him.

The Turkish Emperours sisters sonne, called Mehemet Beeg, stretched forth his hand in the water (crawinge as it were to be relieved) but he was presently slayne with a shot.

The bodyes of Bassa, Ernot Beeg: Rhustan Beeg: and Mehemet Beeg: who was cheefe Generall of the Turkish Cavallerie, were taken out of the water, and the said Mehemet had his head presently strooke of.

The Almaine footemen, & such as were vnder the conduct and leading of Ferdinand Werdners, were not present at this encounter: but were left behinde to guard the Artillery: who forced th'ennemie to leaue eight field peeces vpon carriages (which were vnder the charge of the Kazianerins, and taken from vs by th'ennemy Anno 33. before Essek) and also certaine fconetes, with thirty shippes of victual: they tooke spoyle likewise of the whole Campe and rifled



tyltes.

Thus hath almightie God wonderfully protected the christian soldiers (which in number were nothing comparable to those of the Turkes.

### ACCORDING TO THE REPORT

*of the Turkes, which were taken prisoners, the Bassa had then of his owne souldiers, men and household people, as followeth.*

Inst.	In men.	
<b>F</b> Rhamathon Beeg.		4000
Berth Beeg of Kliss.		1000
Zeiueri Memy Beeg.		3000
Seffer Beeg of Zerink, brother to the Bassa in Bosna.		1500
Beeg of Hertzoguina, sonne to Achmat Bassa of the		700
Portes.		3000
Kurth Beeg, sonne to Ferhat Bassa.		1500
Rhustan Beeg, of Petrina.		500
Ibrohim Beeg, of Likaw.		2000
Captaine of Gratsichko.		1000
The number of the other Spahyen, Sayen and land		
people were.		20000

FINIS.



